

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICES
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT
AND
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICT**

Road Closure
For Resource Protection & Public Safety

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on National Forest System Lands, within the administrative boundaries of the Middle Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect from **May 14, 2013 through June 6, 2013**; or until the road surface has dried and closure signs removed by Forest Officers.

1. Using any motorized vehicle on the road (as described below). **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal administrative personnel in the performance of official duty.

ROAD DESCRIPTION

Portion of National Forest System Road #579 (aka Bear Valley Road): Closure of National Forest System Road #579 is described as beginning at the junction of National Forest Road #579 and Idaho State Highway 21, on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, within Township 11 North, Range 10 East, Section 24, and continuing Northwest, for approximately 3 miles to the Forest Boundary with the Boise National Forest at Cape Horn Summit, within Township 11 North, Range 10 East, Section 21, continuing approximately 4.5 miles, to the Bruce Meadows airstrip parking lot within Township 12 North, Range 9 East, Section 36.

The above-described road is located within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Middle Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest, as agreed to by delegated authority between the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor and the Boise National Forest Supervisor, in Custer and Valley Counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE

In order to provide access to scheduled reforestation operations within the Boise National Forest the road, as described above, will have snow removal operations beginning May 14, 2013. At least six inches of snow will remain after snow removal, which will provide the remainder of the snow the opportunity to melt more slowly, thereby protecting the road surface from damage. The road must be closed to motorized vehicles to protect the road surface while it is drying during snowmelt thus reducing the possibility of resource damage. The snow removal period is expected to start May 14, 2013, and last for several days. The remaining snow is expected to be melted, the road surface dried, and roads open to the public by June 6, 2013.

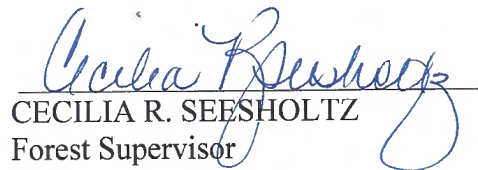
IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect from May 14, 2013 through June 6, 2013, or until the road surface has dried and closure signs removed by Forest Officers.
2. A map identifying the above-described area is attached to and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders/notices for the above-described roads or portions thereof.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Lowman Ranger District Office, Lowman, ID, telephone number 208-259-3361, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4100.

Done at Ogden, Utah this 7th day of May, 2013.



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Order Number: 04-13-13-540

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
2013 Forest service road #597 Snow Plowing
Middle Fork Ranger District – Salmon-Challis National Forest
Lowman Ranger District – Boise National Forest
Order Number: 04-13-13-XXX

1. Background. The project will remove snow and allow road surfaces to adequately dry on National Forest System Road # 579. The project, located on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and Lowman Ranger District of the Boise National Forest, will start on May 14, 2013 and continue through June 6th, 2013.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This road closure is for all motorized traffic: to promote public safety, and prevent resource damage during the snow melting process.
3. Enforcement Plan. On the ground signing and maintenance of signs will occur along Forest System Road # 579. Temporary gate will be installed on the 579 road at Cape Horn summit.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	5/1/2013
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	5/1/2013
	RO LE&I and OGC	5/1/2013
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	5/2013
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	5/14/2013
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	5/7/2013
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel through out the temporary closure period.	Ongoing

Plan approved for implementation:

May 7, 2013
DATE

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Road 40579

